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TO: Executive Directors

FROM: Wayne K. Sugita, M.P.A., Interim Director
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SUBJECT: **SAPT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS OF LAST RESORT**

Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) issued SAPC Bulletin #14-03 alerting providers of mandatory Drug Medi-Cal billing practices and instructing providers to use SAPT Block Grant funds as payer of last resort. This bulletin provides further instructions on the requirement for CFR 45 96.137 (a) and (e), which states providers are required to utilize all other funding sources prior to utilizing block grant monies for treatment services.

SAPT Block Grant funds are to be used as the payer of last resort for all substance use disorder treatment. Providers must identify and exhaust all other available benefits for each patient and bill that source prior to utilizing SAPT Block Grant funds. Other funding sources may include private or Social Security benefits, State compensation programs, public assistance programs for medical expenses, grants and foundations, Ryan White funds, and payments from patients based on their ability to pay.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact SAPC's Finance Division at (626) 299-4590.

WKS:dd

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